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## SPLASH!

It's Double D-lightful as Gowanus pool reopens

By Alex Rush  
for The Brooklyn Paper

It's back and better than ever.

The Douglas-Degrav Pool, threatened last week by closure by the cash-strapped Parks Department, opened on schedule today with a diverse crowd of hundreds cheering the city's decision to spare the Gowanus watering hole from this year's budget cuts.

"I was devastated when I heard the pool might close, so we're so happy it's open," said Cathy Keldun, who lives nearby and said she would bring her 21-month-old daughter Nora to the pool

on Nov. 15 and Degrav streets "at least three days a week."

The pool is not only a popular relief spot for residents of the neighborhood, but also draws fans from as far away as Flatbush.

"I was concerned for the kids in the neighborhood, of course, but I love coming here, too," said Milton Elliott, who journeyed from Windsor Terrace with his daughter Kendall, 9.

The splashes and shrieks of joy on Tuesday looked like an impossibility only days earlier, when the Double D pool, along with three others citywide, was slated to be closed.

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Park Sloper Daniel Paterna held his daughter, Madeline (left) and her pal Jane Russman as the Double-D pool reopened on Tuesday.

## HEIGHTS OFF THE HIT LIST

Planners scrap use of eminent domain for upcoming BQE fix

By Gary Bulso  
The Brooklyn Paper

State officials have slammed the brakes on a controversial plan to expropriate part of historic Brooklyn Heights in order to modernize the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, conceding that the shocking scheme is untenable.

A week after our exclusive report that the state was considering condemning buildings in the northern part of the neighborhood as part of a long-term project to widen the roadway, the Department of Transportation announced that it would simply need to buy too many homes and businesses near Willow and Middagh streets.

When they finally did a ground survey, state inspectors discovered that 300-400 residential units and 80 commercial properties would need to be condemned, admitted Peter King, a project manager overseeing the \$300-million first phase of the renovation of the BQE between Atlantic Avenue and Sands Street.

"You cannot talk about an alternative that runs

roughed in a neighborhood, regardless of what benefits you might have," King told a stakeholders group that met last Wednesday at St. Francis College on Remsen Street.

The announcement drew sighs of relief through the Heights and beyond.

"This would have been an environmental disaster," said Remsen Street resident Stephen Wood.

Aaron Karp said he was considering buying a condo in One Brooklyn Bridge Park on Furman Street — until he learned that the tony building may have been clipped by a widened BQE.

"I'm relieved tonight," he said. The eminent domain scenario was part of a array of designs being considered by the state on its way to hatch a final plan to reconstruct the triple-canister portion of the BQE, which was built more than 50 years ago and is well into its death throes.

But just because homes in the northern Heights have been saved, doesn't mean that eminent domain is off the table.

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## Council says Domi-YES



Councilman Steve Levin got a lot of what he wanted: less density, but the same amount of affordable housing.

By Aaron Short  
The Brooklyn Paper

Pass the sugar!

A key Council committee unanimously approved the \$1.2-billion Domino redevelopment project this afternoon — with the blessing of an anti-project Williamsburg lawmaker — thanks to a last-minute deal that would reduce the size of the project's tallest towers yet not eliminate

any affordable housing.

Susan Pollack, a member of the development team, was pleased with the compromise.

"We're going to work on creating a beautiful, modulated design we've proposed," she said. "We'll just have to shift a few units around."

On the eve of the landmark vote, Pollack said.

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## Kobayashi out of hot dog contest

By Gersh Kuntzman  
The Brooklyn Paper

Takeno Kobayashi, one of the greatest eaters in the history of the world and a six-time Nathan's hot-dog-eating champion, has stunned the world by dropping out of the July 4 competition, giving rival Joey Chestnut, who has beaten him three years in a row, a clear shot to a dynasty.

The International Federation of Competitive Eating confirmed that Kobayashi and the IFCE were "at an impasse" in contract negotiations to bring Kobayashi, who earns thousands for each competition, to the sport's flagship event at the historic Nathan's Famous hot dog stand on Stillwell Avenue.

IFCE Executive Director George Shea didn't even try to paper over the



controversy, using the past tense as he moved on to his next bite.

"Kobayashi was a great champion in his day, but we have come to an im-

passé," Shea said. "We remain open to a negotiation, but we are not optimistic."

As an aside, Shea pointed out that Chestnut has beaten Kobayashi three years in a row, most recently with his 68 hot-dogs-and-bun triumph in last year's 10-minute contest, considered to be the greatest achievement in eating history.

And Kobayashi lost to Chestnut in a wonton-eating contest — a wonton-eating contest! — last month in Singapore.

"I don't know the final score, but it was convincing," Shea said. "Perhaps that's what's motivating this contract squabble."

A contest without Kobayashi — who came onto the scene with a stunning 50 HDDB victory in 2001, when the re-

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Kobayashi last won in 2006.



## I love a piano

The DC-based band Jukebox the Ghost takes advantage of the "Play Me I'm Yours" piano in Brooklyn Bridge Park as Ben Thorneville (piano), Tommy Siegel (guitar) and Jesses Kristin (drums) jam. Pianos can also be found in Prospect Park, Fort Greene Park, the Coney Island Boardwalk and other locations.

## New commutes from hell

MTA's massive new service cuts go into effect

By Gary Bulso  
The Brooklyn Paper

Mass transit became mass confusion on Monday, as the most severe service cuts to the city's transit system in 30 years took hold in Brooklyn, where 26 bus lines were restructured or eliminated, a subway line vanished, and service became slower and more crowded.

Riders across the borough endured 90-degree heat as they made a sweaty trudge to new bus stops, where they deciphered new maps, grew frustrated by outdated information, and ultimately threw caution to the wind.

"I'll take the B61, and hopefully it will work — but I'm not really sure where it goes," admitted Richard Isaacson, a Park Slope resident who would normally hop on the B71 or B75 at Smith and Ninth streets, but can't anymore because the two lines were eliminated in an effort by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to close an alleged



Esteban Duran joined seniors and other users of the B39 bus in protesting cuts to the lone Williamsburg surface line that goes into Manhattan. He said that without the bus, seniors and the disabled would be cut off.



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\$800-million budget shortfall.

In Bay Ridge, Linda Burns tried to make sense of the changes.

"They say the reason that this change occurred is because a lot of people in Bay Ridge are upper class and are able to afford cars," she said. "I personally don't understand why this is all happening at once. I mean why is it aimed specifically at the groups who are seniors and disabled?"

In Williamsburg, former bus-riders became neophyte straphangers.

With the elimination of the B39, riders like Danny Bruno and his 6-month-old daughter Amena are now forced to take the J train at Marcy Avenue to get to Manhattan.

"It's terrible to have to take a baby See **MTA** on page 5

## Hate-filled rally to stop mosque

By Thomas Tracy  
The Brooklyn Paper

If they build it, they will bomb. Angry Sheepshead Bay residents came out in a show of force on Sunday to protest a planned mosque and Muslim community center in their neighborhood.

"If they build a mosque there, I'm going to bomb the mosque," said one outraged resident who lives across the street from the proposed house of worship between East 28th and



Opponents of the Muslim American Society's mosque on Voorhies Avenue rallied on Sunday.

East 20th streets on Voorhies Avenue. The resident, who refused to give his name, identified himself as a former Israeli soldier who had lived on Voorhies Avenue for eight years.

"I will give them a lot of trouble," he added. "They're not going to stay here alive."

Such comments were certainly the most violent, though intolerance was common at the rally, which was organized by the group Bay People. Political correctness was shoved aside

as members of the group put out its agenda: We don't want a mosque here.

There was plenty of lip service paid to concerns about added traffic and noise, with rally organizers saying that they were not "anti-Arab or anti-Muslim," but the stench of hate filled the air, sometimes with subtle language.

"We cannot tolerate foreign interests coming into our backyard tell See **MOSQUE** on page 11



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# Coney goes wet and wild

## Splashy new water attraction to pop up on the beach

By Stephen Brown

The Brooklyn Paper

You won't have to jump in the ocean at Coney Island to get wet and wild this summer.

Three inflatable water slides will open during the July 4 weekend on the beach across from the Parachute Jump as part of a new "Water Slide Beach."

The main attraction will be a 35-foot "Steeplechase Slide" — the largest of its kind in the world, according to its owner, Anthony Gach.

"It's like riding a big marshmallow," said Gach, the president of Party Magic, which will operate the new attractions. "It's unique to



# Speak to Barnum — live!

Ringling Bros circus to hold seance for showman

By Andy Campbell

The Brooklyn Paper

The man who allegedly said, "There's a sucker born every minute" is about to give us another carful.

Phineas Taylor Barnum — the circus industry's most notoriously irascible showman — will mark his 200th birthday on July 5 by rising from the dead (OK, so that's a bit of Barnum-esque baloney) at the show that still bears at least part of his name.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey has hired a psychic from Park Slope who will act as Barnum's voice, as the entertainer himself takes questions from his resting place in the netherworld (the one above or the one below is not clear).

"It's time to communicate with him — I don't think he'd want it any other way because Barnum did things in a grand and fabulous way," said Gemma Deller, who will serve as the go-between at this private seance, viewable on Facebook. "It's very possible that he is the one orchestrating the meeting — I think that P.T. led Ringling Bros. to me."

Barnum was indeed an entertainer. He kicked off his circus freak career in Brook-



**SUCKER BORN:** Psychic Gemma Deller, seen at right with a tree, will channel P.T. Barnum (above) on his birthday next week at a Ringling Bros. show in Coney Island.

lyn in 1834, making money off paper-mâché hoaxes like the "Feejee mermaid," a fake mummified corpse of a half-mammal, half fish. It's easy to cast the upcoming show as just another one



of ol' Barnum's gimmicks. But the Ringling folks insist that Deller is the real deal — "real" when she professes to be able to contact the still-living spirit of the world's most epic showman.

But will she really channel Barnum or is it just another hoax? We called a Barnum expert to help us determine the authenticity of Deller's afterworld call.

"Barnum was a very moral, composed character — funny, but not ridiculous, like some say," said Kathy Mahar, director of the Barnum Museum in Bridgeport, Conn. "He was a very refined character and a genius. It will be interesting to see how he'll react to our

have a water slide on the beach."

The park will also feature two kid-friendly slides called "Niagara" and "The Big Kahuna" — which is actually the smallest slide.

While the kids are going berserk in the water park, parents will be able to lounge in a nearby cabana area, or even rent beach chairs on the Coney sand.

If the family is feeling a little more courageous, it can tackle bungee jump in a contraption that involves being strapped in a harness and then bounced high in the air on a trampoline.

Gach said the park will stay open through Labor Day and that the price structure for the attractions would be similar to the "pay per ride" model at the recently opened Luna Park.

"We're hoping to get a good response [from beachgoers]," said Gach. "We'll have something for the whole family."

questions."

In an exclusive interview, 43-year-old Deller told us that she's had her powers her entire life — but she "bought them for years" until she got older and more spiritual. She said that interacting with "people" (spirit people) is a calming experience, nothing like the ghost stories we hear around a campfire.

But what will happen at the July 5 event remains a mystery — Deller doesn't have any questions ready.

"I don't have an agenda with [Barnum]," she said. "I act as a telephone of sorts between a client and the spirit. Barnum will have his own agenda ready."

**P.T. Barnum seance at Ringling Bros. "Illucination" (Surf Avenue at W. 21st Street in Coney Island, 800) 745-3000, July 5, 10 a.m. Public can view online at facebook.com/tbbconey.**

## A few question for P.T.

So what will the folks at Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey ask P.T. Barnum at the July 5 seance? We don't know, so we've prepared a few questions for the world's greatest showman:

• Is Ringling Brothers still the "Greatest Show on Earth"? Follow up: Come on, have you seen "Avatar: 3D"?

• Are carnies as filthy today as they were back in your day?

• If not, what can we do to encourage more filthiness?

• Is it true what they say about midgets?

• Is this seance thing a hoax, scheme, flim, scam, or trick?

— Andy Campbell

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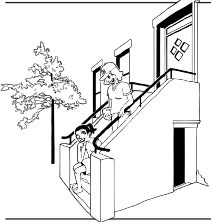
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## DOWNTOWN



Cops at the 76th Precinct in Carroll Gardens showed off a big fireworks bust last Wednesday.

## Cops douse fireworks ring

By Andy Campbell

The Brooklyn Paper

It must be getting close to July 4 because cops busted a mega-stash of pyrotechnic devices this week.

A two-week investigation culminated last Wednesday morning as officers kicked down the door of an Ocean Avenue apartment and found the weapons of mini-destruction: from "Haulin' Ass" rockets and four-foot-tall mortars to "Thunder Bombs" and the of "Felonious Assault" package.

They say the lot — with a street value of almost \$5,000 — could have done some serious damage to the perp and his apartment, which is between T and U avenues, if it had caught fire.

"Anything fireworks-related is a big deal — but we had no idea we'd come across this much," said a police source, who invited us to the 76th Precinct in Cobble Hill to show off the stash, in hopes that it would deter folks from seeking out the contraband.

The suspect, 32-year-old Eduardo Diaz of Sheepshead Bay, faces criminal misdemeanor charges of dealing fireworks.

"He would hang out by the Red Hook Houses, take orders and come back later to fill the orders," one police source said.

Cops said that Diaz probably got them in Pennsylvania, but warned that anyone buying, possessing or selling the explosives in the city faces a \$750 fine. That's right, one firecracker could land you an explosive fine.

This is the second fireworks seizure for the 76th Precinct in the last two years — last June, officers arrested a man for dealing out of the back of his store on Third Avenue near 13th Street. Cops said that all Brooklyn precincts would be stepping up their fireworks citations as the holiday draws near.

"It's unlawful to carry fireworks in the entire state," one officer said. "If you see something, say something. Call 311."

## GOWANUS

## Ooh-ooh, that well!

EPA digs to find source of canal toxins

By Gary Bulso

The Brooklyn Paper

It's not all fun and games at an area playground — it's also Superfund-related science!

This week, engineers installed a groundwater monitoring well near the basketball courts at Thomas Greene Playground at Third Avenue and Douglas Street, one of many wells the Environmental Protection Agency will oversee to help determine the source of pollution at the field Gowanus Canal.

The park is located on land once occupied by the Fulton Works coal gasification plant, a company that at one time produced fuel that helped illuminate the borough.

But gas plants, common in the region until the mid-1900s, also left behind a foul legacy, soaking the soil with coal tar, heavy metals and other pollutants which can interact with groundwater and migrate.

The goal of the investigation is to determine the direction of that groundwater, and whether it is flowing into the Gowanus Canal, which was named a Superfund site in March, a testament to its



A well dug by the Environmental Protection Agency to track pollution near the stinky Gowanus Canal.

status as one of the nation's most-polluted waterways.

Christos Tsiamis, the EPA's project manager, said 60 to 70-to-50-foot wells are to be planned in and around the canal, at a cost not yet available at press time.

If groundwater from the park is fouling the canal, the next step will be to develop a plan to stop it. "We need to be sure we cut off that flow," said Beth Totman, an EPA spokeswoman.

The wells, which do not poke above ground level, are not considered a danger. A Parks Department spokesman said the agency was not advised of "any risks or hazards."

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## CONEY ISLAND

## Bloomy to the rescue!

With Marty's concert series apparently illegal, the mayor and Council change law

By Joe Maniscalco

The Brooklyn Paper

So much for the 500-foot rule.

Days after opponents of Borough President Markowitz's \$64-million concert amphitheater proposal sued to prevent the Beep from running his popular summer concert series, the City Council past a bill that would make amplified music legal — no matter how close it is to a house of worship.

"This is such a low thing to do," said AT Turk, a vice president of Temple Beth Abraham, one of the two synagogues that is fighting the amplified concerts, which have filled the air around Asser Levy Park in Coney Island with amplified sound since 1991.

The bill, which has Mayor Bloomberg's support, would allow Markowitz's summer concerts to go on, though sound readings will be taken at the synagogues. The law forbids such concerts if interior sound levels go up by more than 10 decibels during the shows.

And the bill expires in three months, presumably when a permanent law will be drafted to cover amplified music.

The temple's lawsuit seeks a restraining order preventing Markowitz from kicking off the concerts on July 15 with Neil Sedaka. It was spurred by Markowitz's larger plan for a \$64-million amphitheater in Asser Levy Park (pictured). Opponents said they only discovered the existence of the 500-foot rule when they started putting together their lawsuit.

As such, Norman Siegel, who is representing the plaintiffs in the possibly moot lawsuit, criticized lawmakers for this week's end-around.

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the legislation.

"The show will go on!" he said. "This vote is a vote for valued cultural programming in our city's parks and a show of commitment to ensuring our city's laws reflect the needs of our vibrant, diverse 21st-century city."

He lashed out at his opponents as using the 500-foot rule "to hold these shows hostage to an agenda to stop future park renovations... The [amphitheater] will include a renovated covered band shell as well as improved drainage, walkways, a new state-of-the-art comfort station and fabulous new accessible playground [and] will only make the park better and more usable for the surrounding community."

A spokesman for the mayor argued that the new sound bill addresses shortcomings in the existing 500-foot rule. "Every venue is different, so basing the rule on a one-size-fits-all distance may not be the most effective way to do it," spokesman Andrew Brent said.

Opponents had a different take on it.

"This is Marty Markowitz smashing the public under the heel of his jackboot," said Ida Sanoff, a plaintiff in the suit.

## DOWNTOWN



Sisters Jenn and Laura Manzella collaborate on a mural painting as part of an installation that recasts unused construction sites as canvases.

## Sad walls get a sprucing up

By Andy Campbell

The Brooklyn Paper

Liptick on a pig, indeed

— some abandoned construction sites in Downtown are looking a lot cooler these days now that local artists are turning the sites into canvases.

Several blighted, dreary Downtown streets are constantly under some sort of construction — Fulton Mall is just the beginning — but with the three new, artsy upgrades to some ugly construction fences, the Downtown associations seem to be taking on a new motto: If ya can't build it, redecorate it.

"We're interpreting the space and beautifying it," said Laura Manzella who, with her sister Jenn, stroked out a collage of bridge silhouettes, urban landscaping and subway train lines at the Lawrence Street location. "Downtown hasn't changed much in the past 10 years, but these murals — that there's [artistic] opportunity everywhere."

The three murals — located on Lawrence, Bridge

and Duffield streets between Willowburgh and Fulton streets — are nearing completion, and while they may be a quick-fix scheme to make some unimpressive fifth look pretty again, the artists said that they're getting a kick out of it.

It's all part of the Metro-Tech Business Improvement District's campaign to "en-liven" the construction sites, much like the art pieces that fill the abandoned, unused storefronts on Willowburgh Street near Duffield and Gold streets.

At the Duffield Street site, Jessica Angel's "Building Codes" depicts an intense cityscape made up of digital symbols that she said, "gives structure to the future building that is growing roots at this location." The Bridge Street site will be finished within a week, capturing Nelson River's abstract vision of Downtown and its residents.

Whether the sites will eventually be cleared is unclear, but the murals mark a new trend for the BID, in making the Downtown mess look lovely.

## For the love of the coast

Coastal guardians from across the borough linked arms on the beach at Coney Island to protest offshore oil drilling and demand clean energy — "NOW!" they said — last Saturday. It was part of a worldwide day of protest by Hands Across the Sands. "There's a palpable exasperation among the people who wanted to do something about the oil spill," said Lauren Schuster, a staff attorney with the New York Public Interest Research Group. — *Shavna Abruzzo*

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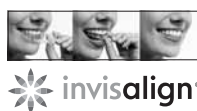
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## POLICE BLOTTER

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### 94TH PRECINCT

#### Violent rape

A victim, 26, was sexually assaulted and raped a prostitute in a Meeker Avenue apartment on June 20.

The woman told cops that she went to the perp's house, which is near Frost Street, at about 7 p.m. to perform sexual acts for money. The perp paid for 15 minutes of sex — but when she tried to leave after the paid-for assignment, he turned violent, holding a knife to her neck and forcing her to have more sex.

She eventually struggled and escaped.

#### McCarren rape

A man raped a woman in the McCarren Park bathrooms on June 26 — and he remains at large.

The victim told cops that she met the perp at the south end of the park, which is at the intersection of Bedford Avenue and N. 12th Street, at about 8:30 p.m. She said that the two had been drinking for a while, before the cretin brought her into the bathroom at the north end of the park and forced her to have sex with him.

#### Ride-by

An assailant on a bike punched a woman as she rode by and stole her purse from Frost Street on June 25.

The victim told cops that she was between Humboldt Street and Graham Avenue at about 1 a.m. when the biker rode by and punched her in the mouth. He then dismounted and said, "I'm gonna knock you out," took her purse and threw her to the ground.

Then he snatched her necklace before he fled down Frost Street on June 25.

#### Laptop burglary

A burglar stole a man's laptop from his Roehling Street apartment on June 23.

The man came home, which is near N. Seventh Street, at about 4 p.m. to find his wife wide open and the expensive MacBook and a digital camera missing. He told cops that he was positive he locked the window.

— Andy Campbell

### 76TH PRECINCT

#### Carroll Gardens

#### Funny money

A thief stole a safe, containing \$25,000, from a Fourth Place apartment on June 25.

The 42-year-old widow told cops that she was not inside the apartment, which is between Clinton and Court streets, from 8 a.m. until 12:35 p.m., when she returned to find her safe missing.

Cops were astounded at the size of the haul, which included a laptop and cellphone for good measure.

"That's a lot of cash," one precinct source said.

#### Quick pick

It only took a burglar 10 minutes to enter a Clinton Street apartment, take a laptop and cash, and get out on June 26.

The tenant in the apartment, which is between DeGraw and Kane streets, said he was not home from 5:55 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

#### Tripping out

A thief took advantage of a harried traveler, taking a suitcase that had been left in the foyer of a Loquax Street building on June 20.

The victim said that she had been running up and down the stairs to get all her bags together for the voyage at around 8 a.m. On one trip downstairs, she noticed that her bag, containing \$200, a camera and a pair of diamond earrings, was missing from the building, which is at Court Street.

#### Ikea blues

A thief stole a purse from a woman who had been shopping at an Ikea store on June 23.

This time, the victim told cops that she left her pocketbook unattended for just a few minutes around 3:35 p.m. on June 23.

She lost cards, an iPod, \$100 and a Metrocard with \$25 on it.

#### Checked it out

A thief stole two checks from an apartment in which he was doing some construction, made them out to himself, then refused to pay back the money when he was caught.

Cops said that the thief was working inside the woman's apartment on Henry Street near Kane Street between June 11 and June 24, when she noticed that two unauthorized \$1,000 checks — both made out to, and in the hand of, the sleazy contractor — had come back.

When she confronted the louse, he said he'd repay the money, but he never did.

#### Bike missing

A thief tried to steal a bike on Congress Street on June 25, but fled without success and was later collared.

The victim said he saw the perp try to get his bike off of its chain at night between Hicks and Henry streets, and sidled over to inquire.

That's when the perp bolted — but he was later arrested with burglar tools.

— Gersh Kuntzman

### 88TH PRECINCT

#### Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

#### Double trouble

A thief ran off with a woman's cellphone on June 22 — as she waited for police assistance on another matter!

The 23-year-old was on St. Edwards Street between Auburn Place and Myrtle Avenue at 11 p.m. when the thief snatched her phone and sprinted away.

By the time cops arrived, the other problem seemed less necessary. Responding officers were asked to find the cellphone thief, which they did in short order.

#### Pistoleer pinch

A gunman held up a 26-year-old on June 15, taking his credit cards, iPod and cellphone.

The victim was nearing the corner of Greene and Clinton avenues at 4 a.m. when the suspect stopped him and flashed his gun, which was sticking out of his waistband, police said.

#### Lady unlike

A woman clocked a fellow female club hopper in the head with a glass bottle during a cat fight on June 27.

Police said that the 4:50 a.m. fistfight at the corner of Fulton Street and Rockwell Place began with a shooting threat. The victim had just left the nearby club to grab a cab when her assailant approached with a friend.

"I wanna shoot the fair one," the suspect said before the fight broke out and the victim was struck, said officials. No serious injuries were reported.

#### Doored

A thief stole a flat-screen TV and a laptop by forcing open the door to a Joralemon Street apartment on June 19.

The victim told cops that she had just seen her media devices in her crib between Henry Street and Garden Place at around 5 p.m. When she returned the next day at

## SWIPED!

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### Major computer

#### theft at Park Slope school

By Gersh Kuntzman

The Brooklyn Paper

Nearly 30 state-of-the-art laptop computers were stolen from a Park Slope elementary school over the weekend — and school parents are blaming construction workers who failed to secure the school while they made weekend renovations.

Parents at PS 107 on Eighth Avenue learned this week that someone entered the school after 7 a.m. on Saturday and before 5:30 a.m. on Monday and stole 29 Apple laptops.

A police source said that the century-old school building, which is undergoing a major restoration, was "open to anyone between those hours," and that the alarm was not set, presumably to allow workers to do their job.

#### Magic man

A burglar swiped a number of pricey electronics from a Vanderbilt Avenue apartment on June 26.

The 28-year-old tenant told police that two laptop computers, a Rolex, digital video camera and an iPod all disappeared from his home sometime after 5:30 p.m., yet police could not find any signs of forced entry.

#### Bag hooked!

A sticky-fingered thief made off with a woman's purse as she celebrated at a Greene Avenue restaurant on June 26.

The woman told police that she had hung her purse near her chair together in the eatery between South Oxford and Cumberland streets at 11 p.m.

Once dinner was over, she reached up to get her bag — but it was gone.

#### Carssault

Not a week goes by without cops from the 88th Precinct hearing about a car break-in in the neighborhood. Here's this week's rundown:

• A thief smashed the passenger window of a car parked on Fulton Street between Grand Avenue and St. Johns Place sometime after 2 a.m. on June 24, taking a video camera, laptop computer and iPod.

• Several files belonging to the Administration of Children's Services were removed from a car parked on South Elliott Place on June 23. The 32-year-old city employee said someone broke the rear driver's-side window to his 2007 Mitsubishi parked between Hanson Place and Atlantic Avenue after 10:30 p.m.

• A coffee machine and three pairs of pricey sunglasses were removed from a 2003 Honda on June 20.

The car was parked on Clermont Avenue between DeKalb and Lafayette avenues, and someone smashed through the rear passenger window after 8 p.m.

— Thomas Tracy

### 84TH PRECINCT

#### Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Boerum Hill-Downtown

#### Cadman caper

Thieves stole a guy's bag after a confrontation in Cadman Plaza Park on June 24.

The victim told cops that he was on Cadman Plaza West near Middagh Street at around 3 a.m. when a shady character stood up from a bench and began following him. The soon-to-be victim asked the creep, "What's up?"

The thief replied, "What's in the bag?"

That's when the victim answered, "Nothing for you!" But alas, that did not turn out to be true, as the thief's two accomplices approached the victim from behind and grabbed the bag, which contained an iPod, some fancy \$450 headphones, a \$900 camera, and a fancy \$200 lens.

It's the third such incident in the park in the last 30 days.

#### Window wizard

A 10-year-old's breakfast was rudely interrupted by a thief breaking into her Scherhorn Street apartment on June 24.

The victim told cops that she was enjoying her morning meal at around 11 a.m. when she heard a noise from another room. When the inquisitive youngster went to investigate, she saw a stranger flee through a window.

Fortunately, the daring youngster came upon the thief before he could steal anything.

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### When students and teachers returned to work on Monday, they found a horrifying scene: the entire third floor had been ransacked and a computer cart was cracked open and empty.

"Who else are you going to blame but the contractor?" asked one parent. "Those workers have access to the whole building during the weekend."

PS 107 Principal Cynthia Holton was particularly upset by the crime.

"It means that the kids aren't going to have any computers to use," she said. "We're working on every way we can to replace them for next year."

Komi Construction, the contractor working on the restoration of the building, did not return calls for comment.

#### New 'Lowy'

A company-owned car was broken into in front of the Lowe's Hardware emporium on Second Avenue on June 23.

The victim was inside the mega-store at Ninth Street between 8:30 a.m. and noon, when he returned to the parking lot and noticed that the doors were unlocked and his property was stolen.

#### Gym grinch

A thief broke into a woman's locker in the New York Sports Club on June 21.

The victim said that she locked her locker before going to work out at 6 p.m., but when she returned after her 90-minute exercise, she found the locker open and her property gone from the gym, which is near Fifth Avenue.

— Steven Goodstein

### 90TH PRECINCT

#### Southside-Bushwick

#### KnifePod

A knife-wielding jerk threatened two people on Bushwick Avenue and made off with an iPod on June 25.

The first victim told police that he was near Boerum Street at about 7:30 a.m. when the perp approached and asked for his iPod. He refused, but the thug pulled out a switchblade and said, "I'll cut your throat."

That's when the victim handed over the new-fangled device, and the perp fled.

Ten minutes later, the thug accosted another pedestrian who was listening to his iPod near Johnson Avenue. The perp demanded the gadget, but the victim refused — that's when the knife came out again.

"Give me your money or I'll cut you," the jerk said. The victim hesitated and the thief got snooked and fled.

Charity case

A cold-hearted thief stole two charity boxes from a synagogue on Bedford Avenue on June 26.

A worker at the shul said that the perp entered the house of worship, which is near Division Avenue, sometime before 2 p.m. The jerk cut the locks on the boxes, which were full of donations, and stole the cash before fleeing.

#### Moving fakers

Two hoodlums posing as furniture movers swiped a bunch of tools from a Powers Street apartment on June 23.

The victim told cops that he noticed the tools — various saws worth about \$1,050 — missing from his apartment, which is between Manhattan Avenue and Leonard Street, at about 7 p.m. He said that earlier that day, he noticed the two perps, but they claimed that they were just helping a friend move in.

#### Subway cuts

A slow-handed bandit tried to steal a man's wallet and then slashed him with a knife on Montrose Avenue on June 25.

The victim told cops that he was walking into the subway station near Bushwick Avenue at about 11:50 p.m. when he felt his wallet being lifted from his pocket.

Thinking quickly, he turned and snatched his wallet back from the perp, who proceeded to pull out a knife and say, "I have a knife, and I'm going to kill you."

The violent thug slashed the victim before fleeing out of the subway.

#### iAttack

Two ruffians brutally attacked a woman and stole her iPhone on McKibbin Street on June 27.

The woman told police that she was between White Street and Bushwick Avenue at about 6 a.m. when the two approached and one punched her in the face. She screamed, but the second thug her to "shut up" and threw her to the ground, before the first jerk grabbed her iPhone and \$300, then fled.

— Andy Campbell

### 78TH PRECINCT

#### Park Slope

#### Scare crow

A madman used a crow bar to break into a woman's Fifth Avenue apartment just after 4 p.m. on June 21 — but left empty-handed.

The victim reported that the thug successfully entered her apartment while also breaking the molding of the door.

#### Zoo station

A burglar broke into a car on the quiet stretch of Flatbush Avenue near the Prospect Park Zoo on June 14.

The victim told cops that he'd parked the vehicle between Empire Boulevard and Grand Army Place at around 4 p.m., but noticed upon return that the passenger-side



# Straphangers, unite!

## Here's what your fellow riders are saying

The Brooklyn Paper

For commuters from Coney Island to Red Hook, Sunday was indeed bloody, as the Metropolitan Transportation Authority enacted sweeping

changes across the transit system, slashing service, reorganizing lines and eliminating some routes entirely in an effort to close a \$800-million budget deficit. As the agency tries to

get into the black, Brooklyn bus riders are expected to be red-faced: the borough is losing a whopping 298 bus stops out of 570 system-wide. Here's how transit riders reacted:



### CARROLL GARDENS

Line: B71 between Columbia Street and Crown Heights was eliminated.

"I have never seen anything like this! I take the B71 every morning, and now they want to stop the direct line and make me go through Atlantic Avenue, in that mayhem, during rush hour? I just want them to explain why they are screwing around with all of these buses—I thought that they just get a stimulus package? Last week, I was helping a woman in a wheelchair get home from work, and I looked up to the sky and just thought 'Who is going to help us now?'"

Donna Rosano



### RED HOOK

Line: B77 will be eliminated with an extended B61, whose route will follow a longer route from Downtown to Windsor Terrace to Red Hook.

"The B77 takes me from Smith and Ninth Street all the way to the Red Hook Senior Center on Wolcott, where I volunteer. I help them with their shopping, or anything else they need. Now, I might be late because the bus route [is extended]. And the new schedule looks kind of complicated, especially for seniors, who have to know to switch to the B61."

Joseph Bunte



### WILLIAMSBURG

Line: B39, which goes over the Williamsburg Bridge, is eliminated.

"I know a woman that goes to rehab in Manhattan on the B39, and now she's supposed to go up and down four flights of stairs [in the subway] at Delancey Street? This bus also allows residents to transfer to other buses that go uptown. We're not saying that cutbacks don't need to be made here, but to eliminate B39? That's just backward."

Esteban Duran (on page 1)

### DOWNTOWN

B51, which travels over the Manhattan Bridge from Downtown Brooklyn, is eliminated.

"It's insane! This is an overall problem for working-class disabled people. Access-a-ride is going to be inundated—they can't handle this! Even the subway stations that are 'accessible' have problems, like at Marcy Street. The people designing the subway system aren't sitting in the chair. They don't have the personal experience. I mean, what am I, a pariah just because I'm in a chair?"

Milagros Franco

## MTA...

Continued from page 1

on the subway, with all the stairs and the rude people," he said. "It's much easier to take the bus. Now, when I get to Delancey Street, we have to go down stairs, then back upstairs."

Even those who weren't taking mass transit blasted the cuts.

The B64 bus used to stop right outside Vinny Galbo's Bath Beach bakery on Harway Avenue and Bay 59th Street. But service south of 25th Avenue was cut, leaving Galbo without customers—and with a new job.

"I have to go outside every five minutes and tell people that there is no longer a bus stopping here," he said. "It's like another job in itself."

It's also disappointing considering that all these people paid their taxes, all for what? They deserve everything back the way it was."

Gene Russo, staff attorney with the Straphangers' Campaign, a rider's advocacy group, said staffers scoured the streets and confirmed the confusion first-hand, with poles displaying extinct or outdated route information, and guide-a-rides

stating that a bus was being replaced by another line—but giving no details about its replacement.

"It wasn't the burning of Atlanta in 'Gone with the Wind,'" Russo said. "It was more like mass confusion that people coped with."

New York City Transit, the MTA-oversight agency that operates buses and subways, acknowledged the confusion, and admitted that it still had to update bus route information and schedules, and remove outdated bus stops.

"We have several thousand stops to get to in order to change all the guide-

a-rides," the agency said in a statement.

Elected officials said they still plan to have the cuts overturned.

State Sen. Martin Golden (R-Bay Ridge) and Councilman Vince Gentile (D-Bay Ridge) filed a lawsuit last week in State Supreme Court, alleging that the cuts unfairly hurt seniors and disabled residents who rely on the routes.

"They've essentially cut seniors and the disabled off from Manhattan, and access to Manhattan isn't negotiable or expendable," Gentile said.

Assemblyman William Colton (D-Bronx) blamed the agency's bookkeepers for commuter woes.

"The problem is the MTA has a mountain of waste and they simply can't control their spending," he said.

In total, the MTA said the cuts will save it \$100 million.

For a detailed explanation of the changes, go to [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) and click on NYC Transit and click on the "plan ahead" special service notice.

— with Steven Goldstein and Ben Kochman

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Time to dance under the stars again

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The national study by HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization, analyzed patient outcomes at each of the nation's 5,000 non-federal hospitals. Only 269 hospitals in the nation received the "HealthGrades Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence" distinction.

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## OUR OPINION

## The bike lane works

The editorial board of our sister publication, Courier-Life, ran an editorial last week condemning the Prospect Park West bike lane, calling it "a ticking timebomb" and referring to its users as "over-empowered jerks in Spandex."

At The Brooklyn Paper, we certainly encourage debate, but not when it is so egregiously ill-informed. So it falls upon us to set the record straight.

Complaints about the new, two-way protected bike lane, which runs from Grand Army Plaza to 15th Street, are mostly coming from drivers, who lost a lane for car travel on what was once a three-lane speedway.

To our thinking, helping bikers and inconveniencing motorists goes a long way towards rebalancing the scales that have long tipped in favor of those loud, powerful, dangerous four-wheeled machines.

The Courier editorial argued that reducing Prospect Park West to two lanes has not had the desired traffic-calming



## MEAN Streets

The battle for Brooklyn's byways

The new bike lane has turned Prospect Park West back into a neighborhood street instead of a thruway.

effect—but this is just wrong. Indeed, reducing the roadway by one lane has slowed down cars—in fact, it slows them to a crawl whenever someone double-parks or drops off a kid at soccer practice. Just lanes to the honking and you'll know that drivers are upset. But, make no mistake, double-parked cars are not the fault of selfish Spandex-clad cyclists, but of selfish drivers who can't be troubled to pull into

a side street or idle at a fire hydrant to let others pass.

Other complaints have come from some pedestrians who are not accustomed to looking both ways before crossing the one-way street. To be sure, speeding cyclists do pose a new challenge for these pedestrians, but it is only a matter of a time before everyone is comfortable with the new arrangement, and stroller-pushing parents or dog walkers learn to look both ways and "cross at the green, not in between."

For all the hysteria in its first two weeks, the Prospect Park West bike lane has already solved many problems: it has gotten cyclists off the sidewalk, slowed down cars, turned Prospect Park West back into a neighborhood street instead of a thruway, and strengthened the connection between the park itself and the roadway that frames its western border.

We call that a win for everyone—except drivers, who have had too good of too long.

## ALL DRAWN OUT



## LETTERS

## Mixed opinions on new Park Slope bike lane

To the editor,

After witnessing yet another neighborhood car collision—this one at the corner of Sterling Place and Fifth Avenue—I opened up my recent issue of your newspaper, and came upon the latest in a series of letters I have read in the new bike lanes on Prospect Park West ("Bozo biker," Letters, June 11).

The author of the most recent letter makes the argument that we should keep current lanes open to cars because drivers need this "hard-earned space" in order to get to work and home again "in time for dinner." Have opinions of bike lanes—you are listening

Borough President Markowitz?—ever considered the possibility that some of these people they see on bicycles might be using bikes to get back and forth to work on?

The letter-writer claims her but has never felt better since trading in her uncomfortable bike seat for that of a car seat at age 17—the age, apparently, at which "any" dimwit knows that all pedaling stops. I would hazard a guess that if she had stayed on the bike, her butt would most certainly look a lot better, and maybe having spent less time behind the wheel of a two-ton machine, she would have had a better understanding of why some people would voluntarily (gasp!) choose to ride a bike over driving a car. Have we even mentioned the environmental benefits of bike riding over driving?

The real problem in Brooklyn is not bike lanes, but far too many cars. In my neighborhood of Park Slope I witness the most astonishing and dangerous driving imaginable: cars speeding down narrow streets full of children. Cars recklessly turning into intersections full of pedestrians. Cars racing through red lights. These are daily occurrences. And the result? Car accidents, fist-fights be-

tween drivers and a general sense of chaos and anarchy on the over-crowded streets.

Mayor Bloomberg may, or may not, be "smarter than us," but what he does have is an ability to think beyond the way things have always been. Imagine a city and a neighborhood where there is heightened sense of civility because cars no longer dominate, where you and your loved ones can walk safely, and maybe even a quieter neighborhood free of the obnoxious honking cars and screaming drivers that too many Brooklynites have accepted as being the status quo.

Bike lanes are not the problem, but part of the solution to our over-crowded streets.

Robert Rohr, Park Slope

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To the editor,

As a resident of Windsor Terrace for 22 years, I consider the new two-way bike path on Prospect Park West a dream come true ("Bike lane war" Prospect Park West a conflict zone," June 25).

Lakeview American, taking driving anywhere at a time at a decent speed as my birthright. I was always a fan of the bike lane. Unfortunately, in the last few years, driving in New York City has become all but

impossible. I now find a bike the only practical way to travel.

This is not easy, or feasible, for everyone out there. Traffic on Prospect Park West is much slower and more frustrating now as cyclists, motorists and pedestrians will have to learn to sort out who has right of way. It's a change, and that's good. It's unpleasant, just like the virtual "war" over the bike lanes on Kent and Bedford avenues in Williamsburg.

In their long term view, the city and the Department of Transportation have seen the future for getting around this city, and unlike the glory days under Robert Moses, the automobile just no longer reigns supreme out there.

While I am used to city traffic, every day I meet commuters who really want to travel by bike, but are still quite intimidated by fast-paced auto and bus traffic.

Before the separate bike lane, Prospect Park West was nasty place to survive on a bike!

E.M. Kahn, Windsor Terrace

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To the editor,

If Department of Transportation Commissioner Lettieri-Bodkin Khan got out of her ivory tower in Manhattan and observed the total

scope of activity along Prospect Park West, it would be apparent that reducing Prospect Park West to two traffic lanes to accommodate this bicycle lane is a terrible idea. I have lived on Prospect Park West for 30 years and believe this change will create more dangerous conditions than it purports to alleviate.

The alleged problem of speeding should have been handled by having frequent radar enforcement along PPW as was done up to four or five years ago, before it seems to have been discontinued. When I drive from Grand Army Plaza to Ninth Street at 25-30 mph, I keep pace with the progression of the green lights, and there is no point in driving any faster. Therefore, I do not quite understand how such a large percentage of drivers can be speeding, as was reported in your article.

The Prospect Park Alliance is really proud that Prospect Park usage has climbed from 2 million to 9 million visitors a year. That has brought a lot more vehicular traffic to the neighborhood, and PPW in particular. Commissioner Sadik-Khan must not be reading "Park Administrator" Tupper. There's a press release. Every weekday afternoon in spring, summer

and fall and all day long on Saturday and Sunday, the many people being dropped off in cars that often double-park is endless. On holiday weekends and for special events, like Celebrate Brooklyn, the double-parking row reduces PPW from three to one traffic lane.

The normal course of daily life brings a lot of double-parking to PPW. Access-a-Ride, UPS, Fresh Direct, tradesmen, taxis and school buses all stop in a traffic lane to accomplish their task. Master Softee and other ice-cream trucks double-park in a traffic lane whenever they get away with it.

Local residents just trying to park need a traffic lane to wait and then pull into an empty curbside parking place. It is going to be a hazardous maneuver when PPW is down to two traffic lanes.

The MTA frequently has a maintenance vehicle double-parked at 14th Street so workers can fix things in the tunnel below PPW. At the Grand Army Plaza Greenmarket on Saturdays, you have customers double-parked on the curbside.

Also, your puff piece on Ringling Brothers ignores the fact that elephants, such as the one on your page, have been abused for years by this cruel and exploitative circus ("Circus is back," June 25).

Wayne Johnson, Brooklyn Heights

It is unfortunate that the city, Community Board 6 and Councilman Brad Lander have ignored the facts in their single-minded pursuit of installing bike lanes on PPW. Once the project is completed, they will be free of the consequences and the 7th Precinct and Prospect Park will have all the new problems to deal with.

Roger Melzer, Park Slope

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Animal act

To the editor,

How ironic that there was such compassionate concern about Target the Canadian goose when the mayor has ordered a second year of slaughter for Canadian Geese in June 25 ("Golden Goose," June 25).

These geese get no compassion, hundreds of them are being gassed to death as you read this.

Also, your puff piece on Ringling Brothers ignores the fact that elephants, such as the one on your page, have been abused for years by this cruel and exploitative circus ("Circus is back," June 25).

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# Bro goes boom

How to make the most of your Fourth of July weekend

By Ben Kochman  
for The Brooklyn Paper

**O**n July 4, the smart set stays right here in Brooklyn rather than rushing off to beaches (we've got those), parties (check) or hot concerts (um, this is music city, after all). Don't believe us, here's our full guide to this weekend (so full, in fact, that you'll need to take Monday off).

## ★ Friday, July 2

Kicking off the holiday weekend, Prospect Park will be ablaze on Friday night, as Jamaican reggae veterans Fab 5 hit the Celebrate Brooklyn stage. The group will celebrate its 40 years on tour with an evening of lively grooves. Opening will be percussionist Junior Wedderburn's band Uzalo, who will get the party hopping with a "cornucopia of rhythm."

Afterwards, head down to Coney Island's weekly Friday night fireworks over the Boardwalk. Shot from the beach, the bombs burst directly overhead, dazzling beach-front revelers. Deno's Wonder Wheel, the Cyclone Roller Coaster and the Brooklyn Cyclones are some of the sponsors who make this festive tradition possible.

Fab 5 at the Prospect Park band shell [enter at Prospect Park West and Ninth Street, (718) 855-7882, 7:30 pm. Free. For info, visit [www.brooklynmedia.org](http://www.brooklynmedia.org). Fireworks between W. 10th and W. 12th streets, no phone] begin at 9:30 pm. Free.

## ★ Saturday, July 3

The Brooklyn Cyclones offer fans a chance to pre-game the holiday on July 3 with fireworks display plus a BBQ food set giveaway so you can grill in style this Fourth. Pepsi outfits the first 2,500 fans in attendance with free grilling paraphernalia before the Cyclones beat the despised Staten Island Yankees. The team celebrates Independence Day with post-game fireworks shot from the outfield. Sounds like a home run.

If you'd rather watch a film than baseball, head the Old American Can Factory, where Rooftop films screens a selection of shorts that are sure to make foodies blush. In a collection from the Umami Film Festival, viewers will witness experimental interpretations of the complex power that food possesses. Umami is the Japanese word for "savory," and these films hope to capture the elusive yet satisfying taste of a savory, earthy delight.

After stimulating your mind, quench your thirst at an after-party, where free Radbecker Pilsner will be on tap. That's free, as in you can drink as much as you want.

Later, roving back to 1980 at Brooklyn Bowl, where rockers Destroy Babylon will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the release of "London Calling" by performing The Clash's famed album in its entirety.

Destroy Babylon describes its sound as "punk reggae," which is about as good a fit to honor The Clash, who were known to experiment not just with various substances but with different musical styles.

Independence Day Celebration at MCU Park (1904 Surf Ave. at W. 7th Street in Coney Island, (718) 449-8877). Game starts at 6 pm. For info, visit [www.brooklyncyclones.com](http://www.brooklyncyclones.com); Films at Old American Can Factory (232 Third St.



No Kobayashi at this year's contest? SEE PAGE 1

**Go fourth:** Celebrate Independence weekend at America's playground. Joey Chestnut will attempt to defend his title at Nathan's on Sunday, but the fireworks will light up the sky on Friday.

Kobayashi for the No. 2 eater.

If you're a betting man, head on over to the Park Slope spot's hot dog eating contest lottery pool, with the spoils (a \$100 discount at Park Slope Veterinary Care) going to whoever correctly predicts the amount of hot dogs it will take to win Coney Island's fabled event (last year it was 68, and everyone knows that Chestnut will eat 74 this year). The hot dog joint plans to donate all proceeds from the lottery to the Sean Casey Animal Rescue organization, which helps keep man's best friends safe.

Later, head to Floyd Bennett Field for a Fabulous day. That's no misprint: The Brooklyn MC will co-headline the third annual Brooklyn Music Festival at Aviator Sports. He's joined by the infamous Shaggy, whose hit song "Wasn't Me" lit up the charts in the late 1990s, and B.O.B., the young budding rap star from Atlanta

## ★ Sunday, July 4

It will be man-eat-dog mania when the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest Championship returns to Coney Island. Last year, Joey "Jaws" Chestnut set an all-time record of 68 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes, and has apparently sent Takeru Kobayashi packing as he goes for his fourth consecutive title at the corner of Stillwell and Surf avenues. If Kobayashi doesn't show, look out for "Notorious B.O.B." Bob Shoudt—who just recently surpassed

who topped the charts in 2010 with his soulful ballad "Nothin' on You." Other acts include Tony Matterhorn and Lady Saw, two Jamaican dancehall deejays who plan to ignite the dance floor, and Jamaican crooner Barrington Levy.

For those looking to move, put on your Fourth of July dancing shoes and head out to Bushwick for a patriotic powwow of massive proportions. The Sunday Best crew is at it again with its self-proclaimed "best doggone backyard barbecue in Brooklyn," at its new home at Brooklyn Fire Proof. Burgers, corn on the cob and, of course, hot dogs will be on the grill, while special DJ guest Rich Medina will keep the tunes pumping from 3 pm into the night—but ending early enough for you to catch some fireworks.

And for a good old-fashioned picnic, head to Bay Ridge for state Sen. Marty Golden's third annual gathering. Blues Circus, the Groove, High Tides, Piranha Bros., The Ridge, and Frank Marra and His Band will provide the tunes, while hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, drinks and ice cream will be available.

**Hot Dog Eating Contest** at Nathan's Famous [between Surf and Stillwell avenues in Coney Island, (718) 946-2202, noon. For info, visit [www.nathansfamous.com](http://www.nathansfamous.com); Hot dog eating contest lottery at Willie's Dawgs (351 Fifth Ave. between Fifth and Sixth streets in Park Slope, (718) 832-2941), noon. Enter for \$5; Brooklyn Music Festival at Floyd Bennett Field (3159 Flatbush Ave. off the Belt Parkway in Marine Park, (718) 758-7556), noon to 10 pm. Tickets \$59. Sunday Best at Brooklyn Fireproof (119 Inghram St. at Porter Avenue in Bushwick, (718) 456-7201), 2-9 pm. Tickets \$12. RSVP to [rsvp@sundaybest-nyc.com](mailto:rsvp@sundaybest-nyc.com); Greater Bay Ridge Fourth of July Picnic (320th Street and Shore Road, (718) 238-6044), 11 am to 9 pm. Free.

## ★ Monday, July 5

What better way to mark Independence Day than through an exhibit devoted to the Revolutionary War?

At the Harbor Defense Museum in Bay Ridge, you can explore artifacts from the period that were used to secure your freedom, including a three-pound cannon, Coehorn mortar and 18th-century Charleville musket at its permanent exhibition devoted to the war.

And if you're looking to shake things up on your day off and throw in some variety, head on over to Galapagos Art Space in DUMBO for a night of tap-dancing bears, Kung Fu juggling, clown bands, sword swallowers, physical comedy and more. It's all part of the Birdstreet! Open Stage Variety Show, so anything's possible. Hope to one day be part of the act? Get a set of juggling balls and spend the day beforehand at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 1 and practice, practice, practice.

"Battle of Brooklyn, August 27, 1776" at the Harbor Defense Museum (230 Sheridan Loop at Sterling Drive in Bay Ridge, (718) 852-1010, 10 am to 5 pm. Free. For info, visit [www.harbordefensemuseum.com](http://www.harbordefensemuseum.com); Birdstreet! Variety Show at Galapagos Art Space (6 Main St. at Water Street, (718) 222-8500), 8 pm. Tickets \$5. For info, visit [www.galapagosartspace.com](http://www.galapagosartspace.com).

—with Stephen Goodstein and Damian Harris-Hernandez

## FESTIVAL

### Giglio liftoff

Talk about heavy lifting. For more than 100 years, the Giglio has been delighting Brooklynites with the lifting of an 80-foot tall, three-ton tower.

To unsuspecting visitors to Williamsburg during the 12-day feast, the sight might be a bit mysterious, what with 100 grown men slowly hoisting the tower—a statue of St. Paulinus of Nola—down Havemeyer Street, while managing to hold their beer.

It's all part of a celebration honoring Paulinus, whose saintly behavior included sacrificing himself for his son, being enslaved in Africa and then returning to Nola in one piece, where he was showered with lilies, aka gigli.

Now in its 123rd year in the neighborhood, the feast also features music from acts like Danny Vecchiano and the Giglio Band, great, greasy street fair food like sausage and peppers and zepolins, and a celebration of the community around Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish.

Year in and year out, it's not to be missed. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast (225 N. Eighth St. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 384-0223), July 7-18. The giglio is lifted on July 11 at 1 pm on July 14 at 8 pm, and on July 18 at 2 pm. For info, visit [www.olmcfeast.com](http://www.olmcfeast.com). —Meredith Deliso

## NIGHTLIFE

### Edgy bingo?

This ain't your grandma's bingo. The Underground Rebel Bingo Club, a not-so-secret secret society that throws hardcore bingo parties in the U.K., is bringing its shenanigans stateside.

"The party started shrouded in secrecy, but quickly drew a cult following," said Jenny Gotsdiner of Manikind Productions, which is hosting the event.

"Each gathering brings out more than 1,000 people. It's bananas." As the name implies, there's bingo involved, with prizes like a sleeping bag with arms and legs and an umbrella with lights all over it. But after the numbers are drawn, the real party gets started, with loud music, flashing lights, dancing and mayhem that usually leaves guests covered in magic marker by the end of the night.

There are some ground rules to be laid down, mainly: no old people (sorry, grandma), no boring people, and no wankers.

Underground Rebel Bingo Club on July 9 at 10 pm at a secret location in Greenpoint (location revealed to ticket holders). Tickets \$10. For info, go to [meandprodproductions.com](http://meandprodproductions.com). —Meredith Deliso

## CINEMA

### 'Cary' on

"Everyone wants to be Cary Grant. Even I want to be Cary Grant."

So goes the actor's famous saying. Whether that holds true today or not, apparently everybody at least wants to see Cary Grant, as the Brooklyn Academy of Music offers a second retrospective in a year of the actor's work with "Cary Grant 2," featuring 20 films starring the notorious ladies' man from July 9-29.

English circus performer turned iconic American movie star, Grant became the darling of Alfred Hitchcock, Howard Hawks and Frank Capra, acting in more than 70 films with Marilyn Monroe, Ingrid Bergman and both Hepburns.

The three-week retrospective includes gems like Norman Z. McLeod's horrifying "Alice in Wonderland," plus more renowned films such as "Notorious," a Nazi thriller; the screwball comedy "Bringing Up Baby"; and "Annie and Old Lace," featuring homicidal granites.

And no Cary Grant film series would be complete without the man versus crop-duster scene in Hitchcock's "North by Northwest," showing all day on July 11.

"Cary Grant 2" at BAM Rose Cinema (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100) runs July 9-29. Tickets \$12. For info, visit [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org). —Damian Harris-Hernandez

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## EDITORS' PICKS

**FRIDAY**  
July 2



### Flea at last

Want to find a good deal in Greenpoint? Go to church. The long-awaited Greenpoint Flea Market Bazaar has opened and will run every Friday at the Greenpoint Reformed Church. Here, 51 vinyl jazz records share space with \$300 Neapolitan singing bowls (which makes sense, given that both can soothe the soul). Best deal? The \$5 cotton sundresses.

Non-8 pm. Greenpoint Flea Market at the Greenpoint Reformed Church (138 Milton St. between Manhattan Avenue and Franklin Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-5941).

**SATURDAY**  
July 3

### Not starboard

You don't have to ask us twice to hang out on the Red Hook waterfront and feast on lobster, baked goods and beer while watching the sunset. Throw in the fact that this crustacean bacchanal will support the programming at PortSide, a maritime cultural hub that once brought Puccini to the Mary Witten tanker, and it's a no-brainer.

6-8:30 pm. Big PortSide Blue@2 at Pier 11 Atlantic Basin (Bowne and Inlay streets in Red Hook, (917) 414-0565). Tickets are \$35. For info, visit portsideblueque.eventbrite.com.

2 pm. "She's Gotta Have It" at BAM Rose Cinemas (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland and St. Felix streets in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129). For info, visit www.bam.org.

**MONDAY**  
July 5

### The right thing

The movie that made Spike Lee's career — "She's Gotta Have It" — is back where it belongs, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Watching Lee's black-and-white 1986 feature film debut is the chance to see his raw, edgy ambition — before the Nike commercials, before the celebrity, before the vodka tie-ins.

2 pm. "She's Gotta Have It" at BAM Rose Cinemas (30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland and St. Felix streets in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129). For info, visit www.bam.org.

**THURSDAY**  
July 8

### The other Spike Lee

If Spike Lee is the "Brooklyn Woody Allen," why not follow up "Do the Right Thing" with its nebbishy forebear, "Annie Hall" at Brooklyn Bridge Park's "Movies with a View" series? Just as Lee starred in his classic, "Annie Hall" features Allen as a neurotic New Yorker (phallic tennis racket and all), chasing uber-WASP Diane Keaton. Does Grammy Hall know?

Sundown. "Annie Hall" at Pier 1 (Old Fulton Street at Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 802-0603 or (212) 803-3822). Free. For more info, visit www.brooklynbridgepark.org.

**FRIDAY**  
July 9

### Spooky fun

Cool things down with "Nocturnes," a collection of supernatural stories that are sure to give you the chills. Piper Theatre brings to life John Connolly's witches, demons and other fantastic creatures in a new play inspired by the mystery writer's otherworldly works. Bring the kids — one story is about a child-stealing monster (it's fiction!).

8:30 pm. "Nocturnes" at Old Stone House (Furman Avenue at Third Street in Park Slope, (718) 768-3165). Also July 16 and 21-22. Free. For info, visit www.pipertheatre.org.

## NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

**FRI, JULY 2**

**GREENPOINT FLEA MARKET:** Noon-8 pm. Greenpoint Reformed Church (138 Milton St. between Manhattan Avenue and Franklin Street in Greenpoint, (718) 383-5941).

**FILM, "THE 10TH DISTRICT COURT — MOMENTS OF TRIAL":** As part of "Contraband Cinema," a series on films that deal in transgression, allegory, agit-prop and personal essay. \$12 (\$8 members), 6:50 pm. BAM Rose Cinemas (30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129). www.bam.org.

**MUSIC, CELEBRATE BROOKLYN:** The Fab 5 and Uralo. Free (\$3 suggested donation), 7:30 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell (Enter park at Prospect Park West and 9th St. in Prospect Park, (718) 965-8900). www.brooklyncelebrate.com.

**COMEDY NIGHT:** Hosted by Nick Turner (College Humor) and Jason Saeed (DC Comedy Festival). Free. 8 pm. Cocob6 (66 Greenpoint Ave. between Franklin and West streets in Greenpoint, (917) 807-6045). www.saeed.com/cocob6.

**FILM, ROOFTOP FILMS — INDUSTRY:** Series of short films searching for meaning in the modern world. Go to www.rooftopfilms.com for tickets and more information. \$10, 8 pm. Old American Can Factory (232 3rd Street at 3rd Ave. in Gowanus/Park Slope).

**MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:** Beth Levin, piano. \$35 (\$30 senior, \$15 student), 8 pm. Bargemusic (Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 636-4129). www.bargemusic.org.

**FILM, "LE JOLI MAI":** As part of "Contraband Cinema," a series on films that deal in transgression, allegory, agit-prop and personal essay. \$12 (\$8 members), 9:15 pm. BAM Rose Cinemas (30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4129). www.bam.org.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS:** Spectacular fireworks display directly over the Bowdoin. Free. 9:30 pm. Coney Island Boardwalk (Boardwalk at W. 10th Street in Coney Island, (718) 260-2500). www.coneyislandguide.com.

**MUSIC, THE SWEETBACK SISTERS:** Girl-on-girl harmonies over swell funk-tank. \$10, 10:30 pm. Jolopy 315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodluff Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214). www.jolopy315.com.

**MUSIC, BORN QUEENSLAND:** 11 pm. Peter's Candy Store (709 Lorraine St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770). www.peterscandystore.com.

**SAT, JULY 3**

**OUTDOORS AND TOURS**  
**GREEN MARKET:** Healthful, delicious products ranging from produce to seafood to home. Free. 8 am-3 pm. Walgreens (9408 Third Ave. at 94th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-1673).



Epic: Faith No More plays East River State Park on July 5.

**HEALTH, BROOKLYN ROAD RUNNERS CLUB:** Group runs for intermediate and advanced runners. Free. 9 am. Bartel-Pritchard Square (15th Street and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (917) 235-9447). www.brooklynroadrunners.org.

**TOUR, WALKING TOUR:** "Journey Through Time: Fort Greene" will showcase the park, including the Prison Ship Martyrs Monument, as well as the surrounding neighborhood. Free. 11 am. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center (Enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Street in Fort Greene, (718) 723-3218). www.nycc.gov/fortgreenerangers.

**TOUR, WILDMAN STEVE BIRL:** Four-hour tour with the master longform in search of wild black raspberries and other natural edibles. 11:45 am. Prospect Park (Grand Army Plaza at Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (914) 835-2153). www.wildmanstevebir.com.

**PERFORMANCE**  
**MUSIC, EMANCIPATION DAY:** Celebrate the day New York freed the slaves, with a day of lectures and music for new and seasoned. Cody ChesnuTT. \$5, 4 pm. Weeksville Garden (1608 Bergen St. between Buffalo Avenue and Rochester Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 260-2500). www.weeksvillegarden.org.

**MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:** Selection by Vivian, featuring Salome Chamber Orchestra. \$45 (\$40 seniors, \$15 student), 8 pm. Bargemusic (Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 636-4129). www.bam.org.

## CIVIC CALENDAR

**THURS, JULY 8**

**Community Board 7, Monthly cabinet meeting:** 10 am. Community Board 7 office (4201 Fourth Ave. at 43rd Street in Sunset Park, (718) 854-0003).

To list an event in the Civic Calendar, e-mail Calendar@cnl.com.

**Community Board 1 Public Safety Committee:** Monthly meeting.

6:30 pm. Community Board 1 office (435 Graham Ave. between Frost and Richardson streets in Williamsburg, (718) 389-0009).

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# Out of the Yard

Sunday Best parties move to Bushwick

By Aaron Short  
The Brooklyn Paper

They've traded a toxic canal in the Gowanus for an artist's loft in Bushwick.

Sunday Best, whose popular DJ-driven dance parties have taken over the BKLYN Yard adjacent to the Gowanus Canal for the past four years, has moved the party to the courtyard at the Brooklyn Fireproof.

"Even though our liquor permitting process was near completion and all the other necessary logistics were sorted out, we were prevented from continuing to operate in the space," said Sunday Best's Doug Singer, on his Web site.

A two-week alcohol-free stint at the BKLYN Yard didn't work out, so the DJs are packing their turntables for the dim lights and fetid smells of Varick Avenue. Its new neighbors include a Waste Management recycling plant, the Joya Corporation's t-shirt factory, and a workforce development center for The Doe Fund.

That's a step up from an infamously polluted waterway that has required federal intervention, but fear not fans of Brook-



Up on the roof: Sunday Best parties have moved to Ingham Street in Bushwick.

lyn's industrial past! There's another, even more polluted waterway, just three blocks away — Newtown Creek. Sunday Best (119 Ingham St. at Varick Avenue in Bushwick). Sundays, 3-9 pm. Admission is \$8 before 4 pm with rsvp to rsvp@sundaybestnyc.com.



## Ozomatli's big sound

The biggest summer stage is the Prospect Park band shell — and Ozomatli will need every inch.

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bord of dance party-ready tunes that haven't lost their energy since the band formed 15 years ago.

The band's name even comes from the Nahuatl word for the Aztec astrological symbol of the monkey, which is also a god of dance. These guys knew what they were doing from the start.

When the band plays Celebrate Brook-

lyn on July 9, skip the chairs and head to the grass for this one. You'll need as much room to dance around as you can get.

Ozomatli at the Prospect Park band shell (enter at Prospect Park West and Ninth Street, (718) 855-7882). July 9 at 7 pm. Free. For info, visit www.bricartsmedia.org.

— Meredith Deliso

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# New 'ing for P'Park horses

By Gary Buiso  
The Brooklyn Paper

The Shoe fits a lot better—thanks to a concrete mogul who helped cement an effort to rehabilitate the crumbling riding circle in Prospect Park.

On Tuesday, workers put the finishing touches on the job, which included the reconstruction of the imperfect circle, located near the park's southwest entrance, and unofficially called the "Shoe" for its horseshoe shape.

The project was a labor of love for John Quadrozzi Jr., whose budding equestrian daughters grappled with the crooked ring's sharp turns and poor footing.

As the president of Quadrozzi Concrete and owner of Gowanus Industrial Park, Quadrozzi was in a position to do something about it.

"My 11-year-old used to

struggle in the ring," he recalled. "I said, 'You know what—it's an easy fix.'"

Quadrozzi reached out to the Park Department, which wasn't about to look this gift horse in the mouth. "This is a really great way to have the private sector help out in this situation—there's only so much money to go around," said Tupper

administrator. "There are so many big capital projects going in, and this is a very small one, so it works out much better to be done with private dollars so it could be done quickly and easily."

Well, fairly quickly. The work began in 2008, and was delayed because of weather, as well as adjustments to the plans, which ultimately transformed the horseshoe shape into a uniform oval, with wider turns and straight-aways for a safer

ride. Scire Construction donated and installed the ring's border.

The circle is connected to the park's 3.5-mile riding path, which in the 19th century was a place for Brooklynites of all stripes to showcase their horses. The circle's propensity for falling into disrepair was well known, even then, as loose rocks "could twist the ankle of a spirited mount," according to Walker Blankinship, the owner of the Kensington Stables, which is located just outside the park's southeastern entrance.

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Cement mogul John Quadrozzi, Jr. donated the material and workers to finally fix the bridge circle in Prospect Park. Kensington Stables operator Walker Blankinship was happy to take the first ride.

## Corn shocker

Artist planted common grain, not the Indian variety, in Boerum Hill!

By Gary Buiso  
The Brooklyn Paper

Boerum Hill's corn is not as a maize-ign as first thought, the artist responsible for the crop admitted this week.

In a startling mea culpa, Christina Kelly revealed that she intentionally planted common corn at the corner of Smith and Bergen streets instead of the rare Lenape blue flour corn she planted at a sister garden in Canarsie.

The root of the matter came down to trust. "I really thought the Boerum Hill garden would be



Artist Christina Kelly's Smith Street corn farm is doing well.

vandalized—that someone might take a plant," she said. "But nothing happened. I'm amazed."

Instead of planting ultra-rare corn—as she did in a less trafficked area at East 92nd Street and Avenue N—Kelly planted a less rare variety of blue flour corn in Boerum Hill.

"It's not that I think the people of Boerum Hill are bad—it's just the nature of the city," she said.

The Boerum Hill plot stands in an area cultivated by the Marchwachs Indians in the 17th century, and ap-

parently the forebears knew what they were doing when they picked this spot.

Boerum Hill's corn continues to far outpace Canarsie's crop. The stalks have already clambered to three-and-a-half feet tall, and show no signs of slowing down, while Canarsie's corn is about a foot shorter.

Kelly said the growth differential is likely a product of the sunlight each plot receives: The Boerum Hill plot soaks up to 12 hours a day, while the Canarsie plot only gets about eight hours, because it is shielded by a school.

Regardless, with enough pest moss, chicken compost, tender loving care and no vandalism, Kelly expects both plots to mature by the end of August.

But then, she will face her biggest challenge yet: hungry squirrels. Stay tuned.

To learn more about the project, go to [www.brooklynize.org](http://www.brooklynize.org).

## DOMINOC...

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Lock's Community Preservation Corporation Resources had agreed to reduce its two 40-story towers down to 34 stories, yet maintain the estimated 2,200 units of housing, including the entire 660 units of below-market-rate housing from earlier versions of the plan.

That concession did not at first appease Councilman Steve Levin (D-Williamsburg), who was in charge of the project cut by 600 units. Domino initially resisted, saying that each floor of luxury housing that is cut from the project—already expensive because much of the former sugar is a city landmark—would cost the developer \$5 million.

"No matter what we do, this isn't going to be cheap," King said.

Levin softened his stance. And Domino caved after a late-October drive by industrial landowners near the project site triggered a requirement that the Council pass the project by a supermajority instead of a simple majority. A source said that Domino supporters were worried that they might not have enough votes under the new circumstances.

After the vote, Levin said the project was better than it was when it was first introduced, but noted that "no body can get everything they [sic] want," during such negotiations.

"We don't want to see a gold coast on the waterfront," said Levin, using the same language that his mentor, Assemblyman Vin Lopez, used last week. "We aren't happy about seeing 40-story luxury

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## HOT DOG

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cond was a mere 25 HDBs in by no means a five-foot walk for Chestnut, who has been beaten three times this year by number two-ranked cater Bob "The Veggie Phenom" Shoudt.

When Shea was asked how he'd remember Kobayashi, he paused, as if unprepared for the question at this point in time.

"I'll always remember him as the young guy who jumped off the bus in 2001 and essentially beat the bar on competitive eating forever," Shea said. "He changed the world of eating."

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ting new world records three times—and once even beating Kobayashi in a five-foot overtime round after the tied in regulation in 2008.

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"That's because other people scenarios to cure the highway include lower-investment designs that would involve little new construction and no property takings, but also three tunnel alignments that would involve property takings at the south end of the tube, at Kane Street in Cobble Hill, and at the northern portal at North Portland Avenue in Fort Greene."

"Depending on what we do, there may need to be takings," King said. "Eminent domain is a tool, but taking away prop-

erty is a very serious issue."

Indeed, when the BQE was first constructed in 1954, historic Brooklyn Heights homes on Columbia Heights were razed to make room for the highway.

But King said the agency plans to proceed very cautiously. "Let's just say that—and let's not make any assumptions if it can be used again," he said. "A final configuration and design isn't due until 2011, with construction to begin shortly thereafter. Final costs are unknown."

"No matter what we do, this isn't going to be cheap," King said.

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## One Bible that will be well read

The Oh So Feisty One came home from school the other day with "The Bible."

Not that bible. OSFO came home with a doorknob of a book called Directory of the New York City Public High Schools 2010-2011, which is the so-called Bible of the high school admissions process that awaits OSFO and her family next fall.

The poor girl was bent over from the weight of that thing in her backpack. But her cheeks were flushed and she seemed to be in a great mood.

"We got the book today," she told Smartmon excitedly as she came in the front door.

With the book in hand, OSFO seemed willing to face the fact that she's a hop, skip and a jump away from high school. While she will be looking to face it, Smartmon is

having a harder time. High school. Can you believe it?

That's a major milestone in life, and Smartmon can't even fathom that her girl is actually that old.

Where did the time go? Is this the little girl I carried? Smartmon? Sure!

It would be easy to get all misty-eyed and sentimental about the whole thing. But there's no time for that because Smartmon needs all her energy and her wit about her to deal with what is sure to be an incredibly difficult, "only in New York City" kind of process.

Indeed, much of OSFO's eighth-grade year will be spent touring schools, auditioning, studying for tests, preparing portfolios, filling out applications, and waiting to hear what school she'll be going to.

As "The Bible" says: "Eighty grade is an excit-



By Louise Crawford

process more complicated, more laborious and even more stressful than getting into college. Joyce Smartmon, who runs NYC School Help, a service for Brooklyn

parents, said at a recent high school workshop for parents at OSFO's school.

"After this, getting your child into college will seem EASY."

Smartmon knows how true that is. She's been through the process once already with Teen Spirit and she still has mild post-traumatic stress.

Not to mention her post-admission stress from the middle school application process she went through just three years ago with OSFO. In case you've forgotten, OSFO

was magically disappeared from the Department of Education computer and never received an admissions letter. As far as the city was concerned she didn't exist.

That was pretty disappointing, but OSFO managed to get into a great middle school and, well, the rest is history.

Buddha knows, she's glad that OSFO is excited about this major transition in her life and she's been studying "The Bible" carefully and learning about all the high schools that are out there.

And there's so much to read about: Edwars R. Marrow, Midwood, Brooklyn Tech, Brooklyn Latin, Bard 1, Bard 2, Frank Sinatra, Frank McCourt, Laguardia, Beacon, Telecommunications to name just a few.

Smartmon, Hepcat and OSFO are going to be looking at a lot of high schools next year. Because it's so

## MOSQUE

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us what we are going to do," said speaker Bob Giovinazzi. "It's hot today, but things are going to get a lot hotter for people in this illegal structure."

One of the organizers claimed that the mosque project was simply about "this specific location and a specific organization [and its] impact on our quality of life." The organizer, who only gave his surname, Kleinman, added, "We are not against our Muslim neighbors. This is a residential community and we want to preserve it regardless of race and religion."

But other organizers claimed that the mosque's builders, the Muslim American Society, has ties to Hamas and Hezbollah. Though few actual links were revealed at the rally, that didn't stop the venom.

"New York is not Islamabad," screamed one protester, Dana, a nurse who refused to give her full name, told those in attendance. "Do not forget 9-11!"

Voices Avenue resident Victor Benari further whipped up the audience by adding, "Each Muslim terrorist is tied to a mosque."

He also took pot shots at Ahmed Alloway, the longtime Sheepshead Bay resident who is bringing the mosque to Voorthuis Avenue, along with local politicians who have remained mum on this divisive issue.

None were present to defend themselves, although Benari's diatribe infuriated local resident Guseyn Ibragimov. "What right do you have to deny people a place of worship?" asked Ibragimov, whose father is a Muslim. His mother is half-Jewish, half-Christian. "No one protests a church or a synagogue being built in a Muslim neighborhood."

Rally attendees booed Ibragimov down, ordering him to get off their street.

"This isn't right, they're just showing their hate," Ibragimov said as he stomped off. "They call themselves Americans, but what kind of America is this?"

On Tuesday, of course, all the budget headaches melted away under three hot, 10 inches of shimmering cold blue water.

"We're so relieved the pool is open," said Abigail Snyder, who had joined the "Don't Close Double D Pool" Facebook group to help keep the aquatic area open for her two young daughters. "It's a really great neighborhood resource, especially because the kids around here don't really have a lot to do."

A 10-year-old confirmed that. "We're going to use it every day since there's no school," said Justin Garcia as he splashed water at his two friends. "It's great!"

## FAMILY CALENDAR

See Friday, July 2.

**FRI, JULY 2**

10:30 am: Storytime with Emily. Mouse Spot (81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets, make a craft and then parade in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710, themoxiespot.com.

3 pm: "Illustration: A classic children's story about a boy and a girl who live in a house made of blocks. Brooklyn Children's Museum (145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 735-4400, www.brooklynkids.org).

4:15 pm: Animal encounter. Brooklyn Children's Museum (145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 735-4400, www.brooklynkids.org).

6:15 pm: Movie night. Movie Spot (see venue info above).

**SAT, JULY 3**

10:30 am: Story time for kids. Greenlight Bookstore (685 Fulton St. between South Elliott Place and South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200, abookstoreinbrooklyn.blogspot.com).

Noon-5 pm: Learn about eagles. An Independence Day celebration. Free. Prospect Park Audubon Center (Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400, www.prospectpark.org/audubon).

12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: "Jack and the Beanstalk." The classic children's story with a marionette twist—minus 58 adults. Puppetworks (338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391, puppetworks.org).

1 pm: "Illustration: See Friday, July 2.

1-4 pm: Independence celebration. Sign a copy of the Declaration of Independence with a quill pen. Free. Lefferts Historic Homestead (452 Flatbush Ave. between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway in Park Slope, (718) 789-2822, www.prospectpark.org).

1:30 pm: Science power hour. Prospect Park Audubon Center (Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400, www.prospectpark.org/audubon).

**SUN, JULY 4**

11 am-9 pm: Fourth of July picnic. Live bands, games, prizes, food, kids' rides, sprinklers, face painting and more. Free. 62nd Street Field (82nd Street at Shore Road in Bay Ridge, (718) 238-6044, www.martingolden.com).

11:30 am: Singalong with Nat and Ani. \$2.50 per child (55 family). Mouse Spot (81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710, themoxiespot.com).

Noon-5 pm: Learn about eagles. See Saturday, July 3.

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**MON, JULY 5**

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**TUE, JULY 6**

11:30 am: Singalong with Lloyd. Mouse Spot (81 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710, themoxiespot.com).

2:30 pm: Movie time. Free. Windsor Terrace Library (160 East Fifth Street in Windsor Terrace, (718) 686-9707, www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

7 pm: Stories in the Garden. Cookies, lemonade and fresh hot stories. Free. Hoyt Street Garden (Hoyt Street at Atlantic Avenue in Boerum Hill, www.boerumhillassociation.org).

**WED, JULY 7**

10:30 am: Stories and movies. Windsor Terrace Library (160 East Fifth Street in Windsor Terrace, (718) 686-9707, www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

12:30 am and 1 pm: "Illustration: See Friday, July 2.

11:30 am: Toddler Time. Reading fun ages 18 to 36 months. Free. Clinton Hill Library (380 Washington Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 398-8713, www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

11 am: Pre-School Story Time. For ages 3 to 5. Free. Red Hook Library (7 Wolcott Street in Red Hook, www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

1 pm: Storytime with Emily. See Friday, July 2.

**THURS, JULY 8**

2:30 pm: Feeding frenzy. Children help feed the exhibit animals. Brooklyn Children's Museum (145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 735-4400, www.brooklynkids.org).

6-9 pm: Family night. Music and a night movie ("Azur & Asmar"). Free. East River State Park (free at Kent Avenue and N. Eighth Street in Williamsburg, (479) 559-1400).

**FRI, JULY 9**

11:30 am: Storytime with Emily. See Friday, July 2.

2 pm: Movie time. Free. Pacific Library (25 Fourth Avenue in Boerum Hill, (718) 538-1531, www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org).

3 pm: "Illustration: See Friday, July 2.

6:15 pm: Movie night. See Friday, July 2.

**SAT, JULY 10**

10:30 am: Story time for kids. See Saturday, July 3.

12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: "Jack and the Beanstalk." See Saturday, July 3.

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1:30 pm: Science power hour. See Saturday, July 3.

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## A decision that breaks your heart

By Eva Mor, PhD

My father suffered from Parkinson's disease for 14 years, the last six of which he was fully impaired by the illness. As a survivor of the Holocaust, he avoided dealing with issues involving death, so he never wrote out a will or instructed us regarding his last wishes. There would always be time for that later, he thought.

When "later" came, my mother said that my father did not want heroic measures to be implemented to unnecessarily prolong his life. I was never privy to these conversations. None of his wishes regarding the care he may require at the end stages of his life were in writing.

A month before my father died, he came down

with a severe cold. It developed quickly from an upper respiratory infection to pneumonia, and we had no choice but to hospitalize him. His condition became critical and he was transferred to an intensive care unit. My whole family stayed by his side 24/7. After much argument among members of my family, he was put on a respirator; he was still conscious at that time, could communicate in writing, and was included in decision-making regarding the respirator.

My siblings, mother, and I put everything on hold to stay near my father. It was clear that my father drew a great deal of support from his children and his wife being by his side. Two weeks into his stay in the ICU, my father

suffered a massive heart attack. He lost consciousness and never regained it. The doctors kept performing all kinds of neurological tests, as per our demands. But more grim news kept coming back: no brain activity could be detected, and their recommendation was to remove my father from life-support equipment.

His organs were failing one by one, and though we knew that the only thing keeping him alive were the machines, I could not give my consent to pull the plug. My father never specifically told me what he wanted me to do for him if such a situation presented itself. We all agonized, debating among ourselves and struggling with the decision, with the doctors pressing us to commit

to a course of action. To our eventual relief, the decision-making process was taken out of our hands three days later, when God mercifully took him.

**Helping and guiding your loved ones in making health decisions for you:**

If there is a lesson in my personal story, it is this: Do not procrastinate. Write down your wishes. Designate a person or persons whom you want to make those decisions when you are unable to do so yourself. It makes it easier for your own peace of mind as well as for the people who love you, allowing them to follow your requests, rather than stumble through their own guesswork.

The following are two legal instruments that you can put into place that can reflect your wishes as to the care you should or should not receive at the time that you are unable to express it.

**Health Care Proxy or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care:** In either document, you can name someone to make medical decisions for you, should you be unable to make those decisions yourself. The person you appoint may be referred to as "health care agent," "medical power of attorney," "surrogate," or "attorney-in-fact." The designated person must understand that she or he will need to

avail themselves to the medical care providers when any medical decisions are to be made. You do not want to choose a representative that lives in another state from you, or one that is physically unable to be available to your medical team in a time of need.

You can be the final judge as to what should or shouldn't be done to you. These important documents can include mechanical intervention in cases of respiratory failure, or dialysis due to kidney failure, and if hydration and gas-



Eva Mor, PhD, is an epidemiologist and specialist in gerontology and health care management who has worked with the elderly for more than 23 years. Dr. Mor holds an M.A. in Gerontology and Health Administration. She is the author of "Making the Golden Years Golden", a guide to making the right decisions for a healthier, independently and stress-free life.

tric feeding tubes should be inserted. You can decide how much or how little medical intervention you want at the last stages of your life. With the Health Proxy or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, you empower a person you trust to carry out your wishes. These documents are much like a will but they deal with medical issues rather than with financial ones.

Leaving your health care decisions to others without any guidance from you places a great burden on your loved ones during a very traumatic time. If there is more than one opinion regarding your care from several loved ones, there is an unnecessary strain among them that is preventable. Worse yet, if there is no health proxy and no next of kin, a judge may appoint someone who you are not familiar with to make medical decisions for you. That person may not know what your values, beliefs, or preferences are.

There are standard forms, at no cost to you, that are available at any hospital, nursing home, and the offices of any state agency that deals with health issues. You need two witnesses to attest to your signing. Some doctors as well as hospitals will refuse to follow verbal instructions unless a written Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care or a Health Proxy is in place.

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## Directing care from a distance

By Eva Mor, PhD

Just like millions of other baby boomers, my friend Judy lives quite a distance from her parents. She has lived far away from them since she completed graduate school and started her professional career. During regular visits to her parents, things seemed well, and as they aged, they seemed able to handle their affairs without needing Judy's help.

In recent years, however, she noticed changes: in the beginning the signs were mild and not alarming, but eventually she could not dismiss the symptoms of trouble ahead. Judy's parents called her repeating the same anecdotes, and there were car accidents—nothing major, just scrapes and dents, and always someone else's fault.

Judy flew out to her parents' home after receiving an urgent call from her father's doctor that her father fell and broke his leg. It was clear to my friend that her parents needed help and, like it or not, she needed to step in. Although Judy's father was released back home, her mother was unable physically or mentally to attend to his needs.

What you need to do if you find yourself in a similar situation?

If you need to oversee a parent's care from a distance, as Judy needed to do, you have to set up a plan—a situation which I cover extensively in my book *Making the Golden Years Golden*. It is wise to set up this plan early, before a crisis occurs.

Start with evaluating the apartment or house for safety hazards. Install safety bars in

the bathroom, remove all area rugs to prevent tripping, check all chairs for steadiness, remove all loose electrical cords. All items used daily such as pots, glasses, cups, etc. should be placed low and easy to reach. Establish a support system around them. Find someone that lives near your parents and is willing to step in to help or alert you when an emergency occurs. This may be a relative, no matter how distant, a friend or a friend of a friend—anyone that is willing to be the extra pair of eyes. You may want to notify the local police office that an elderly person is living there on his or her own, and if they could look in and check on them during snow storms or heat waves. The local utilities company may have a program for elder protection. You may want to check out local home care agencies that may step in if help is needed. You may want to have information handy such as cost and contact person.

Schedule regular visits to your parents, and regular phone calls. Keep your parents' information readily available in case you need to provide it to care-takers, such as hospital, medical specialists, home care agencies, etc. Have a copy of their Medicare card, supplementary insurance card, list of medication they are taking, the names and phone numbers of the doctors that see to their medical needs, phone number of a car service, to be able to arrange a ride for them when needed. If such a plan is put in place ahead of time, it will help you direct care for your parents from a distance.

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## Avoid making common retirement mistakes

By Eva Mor, PhD

In my book "Making the Golden Years Golden," I help the reader develop plans for their retirement. Women tend to be less prepared than men. In this article I address ways that women that are more likely to be less financially savvy, and thus make costly mistakes.

Statistics show that women live longer than men—on the average eight to 10 years longer. In addition, half of all marriages end in divorce, so you must be prepared to manage your finances wisely if you should find yourself living on your own.

The following are 10 common financial mistakes as well as suggestions for how to avoid or correct them.

**Being unfamiliar with finances:** Women tend to let their spouse handle family finances and all related decisions. Protect yourself by knowing all investments and accounts, and making sure your name appears on all of them. Joint ownership establishes your legal right to all assets in case

your spouse gets sick or if the marriage ends.

**Not saving early enough for retirement:** It is never too late, so start today. Resist unnecessary spending. Take small steps if you have to, but start as soon as possible.

**Investing in one basket:** Diversify your investment to reduce risk. When investing for retirement, go with lower levels of risk, and put money into accounts that will give you a tax break, such as 401K or an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). The longer you build up your retirement assets with tax-differed accounts, the better a retirement you will have.

**Tapping into a retirement account too soon:** No matter what the reason, do not use your retirement money. It is difficult to replenish it.

**Collecting Social Security too early:** Some two-thirds of retiring Americans begin to collect early at a reduced rate. If you wait until you're 65, your monthly check will be 20 percent

higher than if you start collecting at age 62.

**Not purchasing long-term health insurance:** Women are more likely not to have long-term health insurance, assuming that Medicare will cover home care or nursing home stay. Medicare will cover only 100 days of rehabilitation and only if you will recover from the condition you are being rehabilitated from. If you purchase LT care, in your 50s, it will be much lower than if the same policy is purchased in your 60s.

**Carrying debt:** Decrease credit card debt. Avoid paying interest on credit card balances. Try to enter your retirement years debt-free.

**Not having a will or health proxy:** Eight out of ten women do not have a will or health proxy. The first gives instructions as to what should be done with your assets. The second empowers someone you trust to speak for you when you are unable to do so regarding medical care. If you do not have a will, the state may step in to administer it (and charge your estate for this favor). If you do not have a health proxy, doctors that may not know you will decide your care.

**Not planning for residential options in the future:** Plan your life after retiring. You will need about 80 percent of your current income to live comfortably.

You should preplan your residential situation. Consider scaling down housing expenses. Most of us do not need the large houses we lived in with our children. Research ahead of time the various options and costs, i.e. retirement communities, residential facilities, senior housing, etc.

**Women are less likely to start second careers:** If you need to supplement your income, there are many opportunities that can be suitable for you. Research what is available. Check out the local schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and libraries. They all need part-time workers.

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## REAL CASES/REAL SOLUTIONS

## Choosing power of attorney

By Eva Mor, PhD

Mr. H. was 89 years old when I met him. Sweet, social and ever the gentleman, he was active at the local senior citizen center. He lived in his apartment for more than 40 years, the last 20 after his wife passed away.

One winter day, Mr. H. slipped on a icy patch on his way to the senior center and broke his hip. He was rushed to the local hospital, operated on and later transferred to a rehabilitation facility, where he spent four months.

Although he recovered surprisingly well, his niece, who maintained power of attorney over Mr. H.'s affairs, thought that he should not return to his apartment and live there by himself. She began looking for a residential care facility or an assistant living facility. He was discharged to his home with 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week home care, and he seemed to be rebounding well. The social worker and the nurse from the agency that was providing the home care services both thought the arrangement was keeping him content and safe.

His niece, however, persisted and warned Mr. H. that his money will not hold for long if he stays in his apartment and paying for home care. Although his estate was sizable, he did not control his own finances and legally couldn't make any decisions since he empowered his niece to make all the decisions for him a few years earlier.

Mr. H. was ultimately moved to a residential facility out of the city—against his will. His niece promised to keep his apartment till he gave the okay to sell it. He was extremely unhappy with the move, however, and kept calling me to beg to be moved back to his apartment. I couldn't do anything to help him, however, except for calling his niece.

She informed me that her uncle's apartment was sold and he didn't have a place to move back into any longer.

What can you do to avoid that kind of situation?

First and foremost, be extremely careful who you appoint to handle your finances. When you give power of attorney to anyone other than to your child, assuming that you have a solid, trusting relationship with him or her, evaluate carefully what restrictions you want attached to this document. If you go into to empower your attorney with the POA, make sure a different attorney writes the document—one that represents your interests and has nothing to gain from this transaction except for the fee.

It is wise to make everything revocable, so you can change your mind. Non-revocable trust that may look good when you are 50 years old, but may be too restrictive when you are seventy and locked into it. If you establish a trust to provide for your financial needs in your senior years, make sure to designate as your trustee someone who will not be the beneficiary of the trust. With that kind of structure in place, the trustee will have only your benefit in mind when making decisions that affect you.

You may also decide to limit the extent of power that you give your POA. For example, he or she can make payment on your behalf on things like bills and decide if any day-to-day purchases need to be made with your money, but may not authorize investments, or major monetary withdrawals. Make sure your trustee or trustees, as well as your POA, are accountable to you.

If Mr. H. had limited his niece's power over his finances, he could have remained in his home for as long as it was safe for him, living in the place he loved and made him happy.

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Kids, like Logan Lam, are sad that there's no ice cream in Brooklyn Bridge Park yet.

# ICE CREAMED!

## Blue Marble's debut on Pier 1 delayed

By Andy Campbell  
The Brooklyn Paper

The promise of summer ice cream in Brooklyn Bridge Park is melting away after the owners of Blue Marble Ice Cream revealed that bureaucratic snafus have delayed their Pier 1 opening.

The ice cream stand was expected to open this month, just a few weeks af-

ter the Boerum Hill-based gourmet treat company won a competitive bidding process for run one of four concessions in Brooklyn Bridge Park at the foot of Old Fulton Street.

But that win did not mean that all the red tape had been cut. Apparently, no one from the state agency that ran the bidding process told Dundas

that there was one more hurdle: the state Health Department. This week, the ice creamers told us that their semi-permanent structure, slated to stand on the promenade at the south end of Pier 1, was dashed by the agency forcing a 110-hour restart on the vendor application process.



Here's a rendering of the Blue Marble Ice Cream stand on Pier 1 — whenever it opens.

"We're frustrated because we had no idea there would be any problems," said Jennie Dundas, co-owner of the shop that has locations ready in Boerum Hill, Cob-

ble Hill and Prospect Heights. "I feel bad that we can't start serving ice cream out there right now."

The crux of the problem is that Dundas was told to submit an application for the permanent structure — but such a wooden shack requires running water and sewer connections, both of which aren't available on the promenade.

Now, Dundas needs to start the whole process over and seek a permit for a mobile unit. That will not only require state paperwork, but an overhaul of her plans, which she said could take

months. What's worse, as everyone knows, the vending season for ice cream ends as early as October. She blames herself for misunderstanding state regulations, but park development officials are still hopeful.

"[All the vendors] have made significant progress since being approved by our board in May," said Empire State Development Corporation spokeswoman Beth Mitchell. "We expect them all to be opening in July."

Dundas said she doubted that the stand could open before August.

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# **EYE OF THE STORM** **THE WORLD'S BEST CYCLONES COVERAGE**



**FURIOUS 6:** Wally Backman argues with the home plate umpire before being ejected for disputing a home run call in the eighth inning — with the Cyclones up 16-3!

## Backman is intense, man

By Stephen Brown  
The Brooklyn Paper

How intense is Cyclones manager Wally Backman? Look no further than last Thursday night, when Backman's team was up 16-3 in a laughter over the Hudson Valley Renegades. It was the ninth inning, with one out and one on, when an opponent hit a long fly ball to right that appeared to sail foul.

But the umpire called it fair — and Backman went ballistic.

He rushed to the field, threw his hat to the ground and got nose to nose with the man in blue.

Never mind that even with the homer, the Cyclones would still have a comfortable 11-run lead — Backman was enraged.

"It was foul by more than a couple feet!" he said later, after cooling down. "That's our problem, and those are his earned runs."

Backman said his intentions were innocent enough when he stormed onto the field. "I had no intention of getting thrown out," he said. "But I said a word in there, and the ump said 'Don't say that again!' And I let him have it."

"If he wants to jaw, I'll jaw," Backman added.

So it's quite appropriate that Backman says that the managers he admires most are Lou Piniella and Jim Leyland, who earned more than their share of thumbs over the years.

It was an up-and-down week for the boys in blue:

**Cyclones 2 Renegades 5**  
Wednesday, June 23 at Hudson Valley

The Cyclones stunk up the greater Hudson Valley, managing just three hits against the Renegades, and making two errors on the night.

Starter Yohan Almonte was solid through six, giving up only one run and one hit. But the wheels came off the bus in the seventh, after he opened by hitting the lead-off hitter. A double, a walk, an error and two singles followed before Almonte hit the showers.

The Clones got their two runs in the sixth on William Cherry's double.

**Cyclones 5 Renegades 16**  
Thursday, June 24 at MCU Park

The Cyclones rapped out 18 hits in a relentless blitzkrieg attack on a steady night in Coney against the Hudson Valley Renegades.

Hudson Valley pitcher Julius Dettrich looked shaky from the outset, giving up singles to Darrell Ceciliani and Corey Vaughn before issuing a balk to open the first inning. Jeff Flagg then crushed a bases-clearing triple, the first of two on the night, setting the tone for the rest of the game.

On the night, Flagg had four RBIs and four hits. Shortstop Rylan Sandoval also jacked a three-run shot deep into left field.

Starting pitcher Chris Hilliard was solid through six innings, scattering six hits and striking out two, earning his second win and dropping his ERA to 1.50.

**Cyclones 3 Renegades 4**  
Friday, June 24 at Hudson Valley

This is the kind of loss that is really going to make manager Wally Backman mad.

The Cyclones went into



Jeff Flagg slides into third base during the first of his two triples in the Cyclones' 16-5 win over the Renegades on Thursday night.

the bottom of the ninth winning 3-1, and left Hudson Valley with a 4-3 loss, as reliever Johan Figueroa had a complete and utter meltdown.

Figueroa (0-1, 7.36 ERA) gave up two singles and two doubles, blowing the save and then earning the loss.

And it all started so well for the Cyclones, scoring three in the third thanks to Taylor Freeman's homer, a triple by hot hottie Darrell Ceciliani and a Jeff Flagg RBI single.

Starter Angel Cuan was effective in his five innings of work, giving up one run and three hits, but striking out four.

**Cyclones 2 Ironbirds 3**  
Saturday, June 25 at Aberdeen

For the second night in a row, the Cyclones blew a game in the home team's last at-bat of the night.

On Friday night, Johan Figueroa blew the save and got the loss in Hudson Valley. On Saturday night, the villain was reliever Ryan Fraser, who was called upon to preserve a 2-1 Cyclone lead after a leadoff hit in the eighth inning.

Fraser promptly walked the bases loaded, then gave up

a sac fly to tie the score and a single to tie the loss.

That performance spoiled a Cyclone comeback. Down 1-0, the team exploded for two runs in the sixth with singles by Cody Holliday, hot hottie Darrell Ceciliani, Jeff Flagg and William Cherry.

Starter Wes Wrenn was solid, striking out four in his six innings of work.

**Cyclones 6 Ironbirds 3**  
Sunday, June 26 at Aberdeen

The Cyclones ended their losing streak at two games — and vaulted back into first place — with a convincing 13-hit win over the pesky Ironbirds.

The first six hitters in the Cyclone lineup all had hits, including a first-inning two-run blast by Cory Vaughn and a sixth-inning solo shot by William Cherry.

Fan favorite Darrell Ceciliani raised his team-leading average to .375 with two hits, including an eighth-inning triple — his third of the year — that led to a key insurance run.

Starter Mitchell Houck struck out eight in seven innings to get his second win.

**Renegades 2 Cyclones 5**  
Monday, June 27 at MCU Park

Starter Yohan Almonte scattered six hits and struck out five, while the Cyclone offense battered Renegades pitching with 13-hit barrage that earned the Brooks their second straight win.

After the Renegades scored in the first, it was almost all Cyclones, with two runs scoring on Cory Vaughn's third homer of the year. He later tripled, and added an RBI in the fifth on a groundout.

In that inning, the Cyclones scored two more times on Jeff Flagg's two-run dinger to put the game out of reach.

**Cyclones 8 Renegades 6**  
Tuesday, June 29 at Hudson Valley

It's a good thing that the Cyclones' power hitter Cory Vaughn has started turning it on because his ninth-inning dinger, which looked like a needless tack-on run at the time, turned out to be huge.

Yes, the Cyclones bullpen tried to give another one away in the ninth, giving up two runs and making it a ballgame. But except for that blatant, the team was solid in winning its third in a row.

Brooklyn got on the board in the first on a two-run double by William Cherry.

The Cyclones added four in the fourth, with RBIs provided by Rylan Sandoval, Darrell Ceciliani and Vaughn.

Starter Chris Hilliard earned his third win with a solid outing, striking out six in five-plus innings. Johan Figueroa notched his fourth save after Nelson Pereira almost blew the game.

The win increased the Cyclones' first place lead to 2-1/2 games over the Renegades.

All Cyclones home games are at MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 19th Street in Coney Island, (718) 449-8477]. Visit [www.brooklyncyclones.com](http://www.brooklyncyclones.com) for info.

## A star in the making

It's only the third week of the season, and Cory Vaughn — the Cyclones' speedy right-fielder with a surprising amount of power — is emerging as the face of the team.

Vaughn, a 21-year-old prospect who carries himself with the air of a locker room leader, has shown only glimpses of why the Mets picked him in the fourth round of the 2010 draft.

In his first at-bat of the third game of the season, Vaughn jacked the first pitch he saw deep into the right-field bleachers. It was the Clones' first dinger of the year — and even more remarkably — one of the few home runs to gusty right field in the team's rich history.

And on Sunday, Vaughn had a two-run shot — again in the first inning — that got the Cyclones back on track after the team had lost back-to-back games on the road.

And on Monday night, he added another dinger and a triple. Since June 21, he's 11-for-30 with four homers and 10 RBIs.

If this kid ends up climbing the minor-league ranks, it can be attributed in part to his major league pedigree.

Vaughn is a second-generation player who watched his dad, Greg Vaughn, play on the big stage for 14 years. The elder Vaughn was a fierce power hitter, and he was in the thick of home run race of 1998 along with Mark McGwire, Sammy



**BARNSTORMIN'**  
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Sosa and Ken Griffey Jr. while playing for the San Diego Padres.

But the younger Vaughn said he doesn't try to imitate his hard-hitting dad.

"I'm my own player. I don't try to play like anyone else," Vaughn said while a horde of kids begged him for autographs. "All I want to do is hit the ball hard — try to keep it simple, not do too much."

Still, there will be plenty of ugly moments as this closely watched prospect develops.

He is in the mix with other Cyclone stalwarts like Jeff Flagg and Darrell Ceciliani for most RBIs, but also has a middle-of-the-road .279 batting average.

Vaughn says he is "all business," and remains focused on improving his game — a mentality that will help as he grows accustomed to the atmosphere of MCU Park. Vaughn said that even when his old teammate at San Diego State would take the mound — none other than the flame-throwing Stephen Strasburg — it was nothing compared to Brooklyn.

"We'd get just 3,000 people in San Diego," Vaughn said. "Here it's just a whole different atmosphere."

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